

REMARKS

This application is a divisional of application No. 09/685,930, which was filed on October 11, 2000.

Claims 50-89 are now pending in this application, with Claims 50-52, 66, 70, 71, 73, 86 and 89 being independent. By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled Claims 1-49, added new Claims 50-89. New Claims 50-89 correspond respectively to Claims 6-25, 27-29 and 33-49 from the parent application, as set forth in the Amendment filed February 2, 2003. No new matter has been added.

Applicant claims priority to Japanese Patent Application Nos. 11-289413, filed October 12, 1999, and 2000-280036, filed September 14, 2000. Certified copies of the priority documents were filed in the parent application on February 15, 2001.

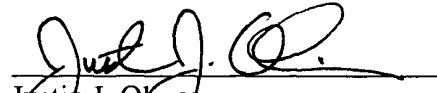
Applicant respectfully requests acknowledgment of the receipt those documents.

Also, Applicant has enclosed a copy of the Assignment and accompanying transmittal filed in the parent application. Those papers were recorded by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 15, 2001, at Reel 011526, Frame 0508.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of the present application and early passage to issue thereof.

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